Statement

State-wise details of complaints received during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 regarding adulteration in diesel/petrol pumps.

States/UTs	2002-2003	2003-2004
Andhra Pradesh	-	01
Assam	01	02
Bihar	01	03
Chhattisgarh	02	-
Delhi	06	06
Goa	01	-
Gujarat	07	03
Haryana	05	06
Himachal Pradesh	-	01
Jammu & Kashmir	01	-
Jharkhand	01	02
Karnataka	03	-
Kerala	05	02
Madhya Pradesh	11	-
Maharashtra	17	12
Mizoram	-	01
Orissa	01	01
Pondicherry	-	01
Punjab	01	02
Rajasthan	01	03
Sikkim	05	-
Tamil Nadu	04	02
Uttar Pradesh	11	03
West Bengal	08	07
TOTAL :	92	58

Opening of petrol pumps by HPCL on NHs in violation of prescribed norms

4270. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the HPCL has installed a number of petrol pumps on NHs in Punjab and Haryana on such sites after 17th October, 2004 which are not meeting the norms of Ministry of Road Transport

and Highways and have submitted the false undertaking that sites meet the norms;

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officers found guilty; and

(c) if not, whether the details from the HPCL would be collected to verify the fact and violations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discovery of Gas Hydrates in Bay of Bengal

4271. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new gas reserves namely Gas Hydrates have been discovered in Bay of Bengal offshore;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the rough estimate of gas hydrate reserve;

(c) whether India has the technology to exploit the gas hydrates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir. The presence of Gas Hydrates in offshore Bay of Bengal has been inferred from the interpretation of seismic surveys carried out in that area. However, it is yet to be established by drilling and coring technology.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) World wide, the production of gas from Gas Hydrates is at the Research & Development (R&D) stage. India has also started its efforts in carrying out R&D in this area under the National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP).